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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of priority targets in North Vietnam. Specifically, the OXCART aircraft is to cover those areas of North Vietnam which because of surface-to-air missile defenses cannot be covered adequately by other means. The 303 Committee has approved this mission.

TARGET DATA

There are 48 COMOR targets in North Vietnam which are listed below. Apart from coverage of these targets, OXCART photography is to be used specifically to locate and identify surface-to-surface missiles in North Vietnam if and when they should be introduced.

Thirty-five of the above 48 COMOR targets are in the SAM defended area. This mission has been planned to make two passes over the primary target area in order to maximize photo coverage. BX6713 should cover a minimum of 26 COMOR targets.

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| A 1. | | Cac Ba Coastal Def. Site |
| A C 2. | | Haiphong/Cat Bi A/F |
| A C 3. | | Haiphong/Kien An A/F |
| B 4. | | Hanoi/Bac Mai A/F |
| B 5. | | Hanoi/Gia Lam A/F |
| A B 6. | | Phuc Yen A/F |
| C 7. | | Lang Son A/F |
| A 8. | | Kep A/F |
| B 9. | | Yen Bai Suspect A/F U/C |
| B10. | | Hoa Lac A/F U/C |
| 11. | | Bai Thuong A/F |
| A12. | | Haiphong Port Complex |
| C13. | | Cam Pha Port Facilities |
| A C14. | | Hon Gay Port Facilities |
| A C15. | | Ha Tou Naval Support Facility |
| 16. | | Vinh/Ben Thuy Port Facilities |
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| 18. | | Ha Giang Military Installation |
| B19. | | Van Hai Army Barracks |
| C20. | | Lang Son Military Complex |

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| C21. | | Loc Binh Army Supply Depot |
| A22. | | Thai Nguyen Army Supply Depot North |
| 23. | | Bac Kan Military Area |
| A24. | | Phu Lang Thuong Military Area |
| 25. | | Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 2 |
| 26. | | Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 1 |
| B27. | | Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 3 |
| A C28. | | Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 2 |
| C29. | | Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 1 |
| A B30. | | Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 3 |
| B31. | | Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 4 |
| A B32. | | Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 5 |
| A33. | | Kep to Than Nguyen RR |
| C34. | | Dong Dang Complex |
| A B35. | | Phu Lang Thuong Complex |
| 36. | | Cao Bang Complex |
| 37. | | Lai Chau Complex |
| C38. | | Lang Son Complex |
| 39. | | Mon Cay Complex |
| C40. | | Tien Yen Complex |
| B41. | | Tuyen Quang Complex |
| B42. | | Yen Bai Complex |
| 43. | | Dien Bien Phu Complex |
| 44. | | Lao Kay Complex |
| A45. | | Haiphong RR Yards |
| B46. | | Viet Tri RR Yards |
| A B47. | | Yen Vien (Hanoi) RR Yards |
| A C48. | | Kep Complex |

A indicates COMOR targets option A should cover.
 B indicates COMOR targets option B should cover.
 C indicates COMOR targets option C should cover.

Flight Line Options A and B have been selected and should cover 28 COMOR targets.

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The OXCART Mission BX67¹⁷~~13~~ as planned
herein is approved.

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Telephoned Mr. R. Helms at 1800 L
and he said OK since it is
essentially a repetition with no new
political inhibitions. Therefore, no need
to see the book. Told him the Admiral + Carl already
coordinated.

13 August

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